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CALIFORNIA AFL— Statement on Unemployment

(Executive Council of the California State Federation of Labor, AFL Quarterly Meeting—February 27, 1954, Long Beach, Calif.)

The growing crisis in unemployment cannot be ignored, nor can it be considered a matter for mere governmental study. Within the past three months unemployment in California has more than doubled. The number of jobless in the nation almost tripled within the same period.

BARBERS 827 MEET TUESDAY; NEW DUES SET

Salinas Barbers Union 827 will have its regular meeting next Tuesday night (March 16) at the Salinas Labor Temple, with all members urged to be present for important discussions, according to Secretary Jimmie Butler.

The new dues schedule for members of Local 827 is now in effect, Butler added. In addition, all the new working agreements covering barber shops have been signed and returned for union files. Third reading of proposed changes to union by-laws is scheduled at the meeting.

Herbert Ridgeway, president of Local 827, saw service on a superior court jury in Salinas last week, being chosen as foreman of the jury.

Al Tittle, popular member of Local 827 who has been seriously ill for some time, is reported much improved and expected to be back behind his barber chair in a few more weeks.

Salinas IBEW Seeks Raise

Electrical Workers Union 243 of Salinas announced last week that it will open its contract to seek a wage increase and improved conditions.

Union Representative Dial H. Miles, said the union will seek an increase to \$3.15 an hour. Electrical workers in Monterey recently won an increase of 10 cents an hour, to \$3.10, he added.

Fred Salter, member of Electrical Workers Union 243 of Salinas, was killed in a spectacular airplane crash in King City last week. Many union members, headed by Business Representative Dial H. Miles, were in attendance at funeral services.

Jenkins Learns About Fishing!

Friends of George E. Jenkins are telling a good story of his fishing prowess. It seems that Jenkins, president of the Building Trades Council, and Buck Hope, business agent of Engineers 3, arranged a deep sea fishing trip, salmon trolling. It was a first time for Jenkins, and the rolling sea got him. Green as the water about him, Jenkins was holding a line which was grabbed by a big salmon. By the time the battle for survival was over, Jenkins had landed his first big-game fish, and the sea sickness was gone. Jenkins admits he remembers the last part of the trip far better than the first! Hope and Mrs. Jenkins also got their fish, too.

Another House Mover Signs Laborer Pact

For the second time in two weeks, Laborers Union 690 of Monterey has negotiated a new contract with a house moving firm of the area, according to George E. Jenkins, secretary of Local 690.

The contract and welfare plan of Local 690 has been signed by L. C. Todd, Pacific Grove house moving contractor, Jenkins said. Earlier the union gained an agreement with contractor W. D. Nevis of San Jose.

Work in the Monterey area for laborers has not shown improvement despite promise of numerous new projects about to start, Jenkins reported.

A \$305,000 bridge is to be erected across Torre Canyon, on Highway 1 nearly 50 miles south of Monterey.

Plans are being laid for an extensive storm drain project in the Seaside area.

Two school projects are anticipated shortly, a transportation building at Monterey Peninsula College and rebuilding of the fire-damaged Colton School.

Business Agents Lunch Thursday

Regular monthly luncheon meeting of building trades business agents throughout Monterey County will be held in Salinas at noon this Thursday, it was announced last week. Time and place will be announced to the agents early this week.

Purpose of the monthly, informal luncheon meetings is to give the union officials the opportunity to discuss various union problems unofficially and to compare progress and lack of progress throughout the county, with the ultimate goal of a more closely knit union movement.

Mackerel Pack Provides Work

Canning of mackerel at the California Packing Corp. plant on Monterey's Cannery Row provided some much-needed employment for members of the Monterey Fish Cannery Workers Union last week.

Union officials said more work is due shortly, upon arrival by truck of an expected shipment of tuna to be processed at Peninsula Packing Co. plant.

Highest Tribute Paid To Joseph Marshall

Bridges and dams are usually named after engineers or politicians, but our society has not yet found its way into paying similar tribute to a man who did as much as any other single person to guide and inspire the human skill, and muscle, and loyalty that has pioneered and built up the great West.

Such a man was Joseph Marshall, who succumbed on March 6, 1954, at the age of 83, ending a lifetime of devotion to the betterment of his fellow men and to their assurance of a fair day's pay for a fair day's work.

It was on the integrity of such pioneer western AFL leaders as Joe Marshall that there has been erected a structure of labor-management confidence and cooperation which produced otherwise unattainable wage and living gains for million of grateful western workers and their families.

Joe's passing is not the loss that a younger leader's death would cause—he retired from more active work four years ago and has been ill for some time—but it is fitting tribute to the man that his memory is alive and fresh, and the occasion of his departure evoked spontaneous feeling and praise from nearly every unit of labor and management in the construction industry of this region.

THANKS TO JOE MARSHALL

Death came to the beloved leader at his home in Yuba City. He is survived by his wife, Hazel, two stepchildren, and six grandchildren. Funeral services in San Francisco saw an overflow assembly of friends gathered to pay tribute, and interment was in Cypress Lawn.

Bro. Marshall was born in Philadelphia, came to San Francisco at the turn of the century, went through the life-and-death struggle of early-day unionism and spent a lifetime stubbornly and capably devoted to the welfare and advancement of AFL Hodcarriers and Laborers of the West.

"Joe set the pace all the way, in hard work, in sincerity, in a half a century of devotion to the welfare of his membership, and we can thank him for much of what we have today in the way of wages and conditions in the industry", commented Joseph Murphy of San Francisco, who is a conciliator for the international union.

"Joe was not aggressive, but he always won his point, and it was always a point which meant some."

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Carpenters 925 Given Trophy For Ball Team

A handsome trophy, showing young baseball players in action, has been presented to Carpenters Union 925 by the Salinas Little League organization. Little League is organized baseball for boys 9 to 12 years of age.

The union sponsored a team in the Pacific League division of the Little League, the Carpenters Union team winning its division and being named as champions for the year 1953.

Presentation to the union was made by John De Marco, team manager, at the last union meeting.

Local 925 plans to sponsor a Little League team again this year and members of the Carpenters Union has donated their services on many occasions to aid the Little League program by erecting grandstands, fences, and other facilities for the young baseball players.

The trophy will be on exhibit at the Carpenters Union Hall, 422 N. Main St., according to Harvey B. Baldwin, union business agent.

State Federation Institute April 25

(State Fed. Release)

The seventh annual week-long AFL education institute will open April 25 in Santa Barbara, it was announced this week by C. J. Haggerty, secretary-treasurer of the California State Federation of Labor.

All sessions will be held in the Samarkand Hotel. Rates will range upward from \$3.00 per day. A full outline of the week-long program will be mailed to all affiliates next week, Haggerty declared.

The institute will be sponsored jointly by the State Federation and the University of California.

OPCM Council Meets in S.J.

Delegates from plasterer and cement mason unions from throughout Northern California gathered in San Jose last Saturday for the monthly meeting of the Northern California District Council of Operative Plasterers and Cement Masons.

San Jose Local 224 was host to the gathering, which discussed various matters pertaining to the crafts and compared notes on employment and other problems.

WASHINGTON REP.

Washington (LPA)—John J. P. Curran, former president of AFL Boilermakers Local 43 at Brooklyn Navy Yard, has been named special navy yard representative for Boilermakers and Blacksmiths, with headquarters here. He succeeds W. A. Calvin, now assistant to President Charles J. MacGowan at headquarters in Kansas City, Kan.

CAL. LLPE MEETS SATURDAY IN S.F.

(State Fed. Release)

California's 1954 Congressional campaign will be the number one item on the agenda of the western states conference of Labor's League for Political Education to be held this Saturday, March 13, at the Sir Francis Drake Hotel, San Francisco.

James L. McDevitt, national director of the LLPE, will preside at the one-day session. The conference is open to officers of all city, county, and Congressional district leagues, and to local union and central council officials. McDevitt will call the conference to order sharply at 10 o'clock Saturday morning.



JAMES L. McDEVITT

Big Highway Job Due in Salinas

A major highway project is expected shortly in the Salinas area, according to word received from state authorities last week.

Dial H. Miles, business agent for the Monterey County Building Trades Council, said the project is to complete the Highway 101 freeway from Salinas south to the existing highway. Cost of the new work is estimated at more than \$2,000,000. Bids are to be called soon.

Play it safe—follow safety regulations. Report all job injuries.

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BRICK MASONS—Meets 2nd Tues., Monterey, 4th Tues., Santa Cruz, 7:30 p.m. Pres., Steve Frank, 103 N. First, Salinas; Rec. Sec., A. L. Robertson, 520 Cypress, Pacific Grove, phone 56947; Fin. Sec. and Bus. Agt., R. E. Baxter, 64 Villa, Salinas, phone 25708.

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BUTCHERS 506 (Salinas Branch)—Meets 1st Monday, Carpenters Hall, 8 p.m. Exec. Sec., Earl A. Moorhead; Bus. Agt., E. L. Courtwright, 1897 Ellen Ave., San Jose, phone CYpress 5-3849. Main office, 45 Santa Teresa Ave., San Jose, phone CYpress 3-0252.

CALIFORNIA STATE FEDERATION OF LABOR—C. J. Haggerty, Sec.-Treas. Legislative Representative, 810 David Hewes Bldg., 995 Market St., San Francisco 3, phone SUtter 1-2838. District Vice-President, Thomas A. Small, office 306 Seventh Ave., San Mateo, phone Diamond 4-7609.

CARPENTERS 925—Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m., Carpenters Hall, Pres., M. L. Martin, 1420 Del Monte, phone 7841; Fin. Sec. and Bus. Agt., Harvey Baldwin; Rec. Sec., A. O. Miller, Hall and office, 422 N. Main St., phone 9293.

CARPENTERS 1279 (King City)—Meets 1st and 3rd Fridays at King City Carpenters Hall, Pres., M. D. Williamson, Greenfield, phone 73-W; Fin. Sec., A. W. Reiger, 411 S. San Lorenzo Ave., phone 694-W; Bus. Agt., Jack Swart, Box 724, King City, Office, 225 Bassett St., King City, phone 197.

CARPENTERS-AUXILIARY 373—Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, Carpenters Hall 8 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Beulah Wenzinger, 55 Katherine Ave., phone 2-0761; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Velma Holcomb, 244 Lang St., phone 8517; Fin. Sec., Mrs. Jean Hillier, 123 Prunedale Rd., phone 9902. Office 244 Lang St., phone 8517.

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CENTRAL LABOR UNION (Monterey County), Salinas—Meets 1st and 3rd Fridays, 8 p.m., 117 Pajaro St. Pres., Dial H. Miles; Secy.-Treas., Alfred J. Clark. Office in Glickberg Bldg., West Gabilan St., Room 18, phone 7-787.

DRY CLEANERS 33—Meets 3rd Thursday at 7:30 p.m., Labor Temple, Pres., Dempsey McPherson; Sec., Claudia Staten; Bus. Agt., Lola Chantler, Office, 45 Santa Teresa, San Jose, phone CYpress 2-1454.

ELECTRICAL WORKERS 243—Meets 1st Wednesday; Executive Board 3rd Wednesday; 117 Pajaro Street, Salinas. Pres., Frank Karp, 217 Quilla St., phone 2-1151; Rec. Sec., P. M. Lindeman, 246 Dennis St., phone 2-4225; Fin. Sec. and Bus. Mgr., Dial H. Miles, office, 117 Pajaro Street, phone 2-2886.

ENGINEERS (Stationary) 39—Meets 3rd Wednesday, 117 Pajaro Salinas, 8 p.m. Pres., Frank Brantley; Sec., Leo J. Derby; Mgr., C. C. Fitch; Bus. Agt., R. A. Christiansen, Room 457, Porter Bldg., San Jose, phone CYpress 2-6393. Main office, 474 Valencia St., San Francisco, phone Underhill 1-135.

FISH CANNERY WORKERS & FISHERMEN'S UNION OF THE PACIFIC, SAN FRANCISCO AND MOSCOW LANDING BAY AREAS—Sec.-Treas., Geo. Issei, office 857 5th St., Richmond, phone BEacon 5-0852; Asst. Sec., Chas. Snyder, Office phone BEacon 5-0852; Moss Landing phone, Castroville 6613.

HOTEL-RESTAURANT EMPLOYEES AND BARTENDERS 355—Meets 2nd Monday, Women's City Club, 9 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. Pres., Wm. H. Eakin, 46 Barbara Place, phone 2-4465; Sec. and Bus. Mgr., A. J. Clark; Asst. Bus. Agt., Virgil C. Knight; office, Room 18, Glickberg Bldg., 6 W. Gabilan St., phone 6209.

LABORERS 272—Meets 2nd Monday at Salinas Labor Temple, 4th Monday at Soledad Foresters Hall, Pres., Carl G. Jones, Sec., J. F. Mattos, 102 Toro, phone 6777. Bus. Agt., Wray D. Empe, Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro, phone 6777.

LATHERS 122—Meets 3rd Friday, Watsonville Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Wm. Crane, Rt. 6, Box 512, Watsonville, ph. 4-6262; Sec., B. A., Ronald Hodges, 612 Wilson, Salinas ph. 2-2906.

LAUNDRY WORKERS 33—Meets 3rd Thursday, 5:15 p.m., Labor Temple, Pres., Hazel Skewes; Sec., Grace MacRostie; Bus. Agt., Lola Chantler, 45 Santa Teresa, San Jose, phone CYpress 2-1454.

MECHANICS AND MACHINISTS 1824—Meets 1st Tuesday; Executive Board, 1st Monday, Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Wayne Purcell, 22 Harkins Road, phone 2-5159; Fin. Sec., Ed McLean, 262 Noice Dr.; Rec. Sec., C. C. Stover, 537 Green St.; Bus. Agt., Earl Choate, Office, 117 Pajaro, phone 2-0835.

OFFICE EMPLOYEES 94 (Union Offices)—Meets on call. Headquarters 463 Porter Bldg., San Jose, phone CYpress 2-6393. Sec. and Bus. Agt., Jeannette Zoccoli.

PAINTERS 1104—Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 117 Pajaro St., 7:30 p.m. Pres., Ouis Sleeper, 400 Natividad St., phone 2-2907; Rec. Sec., L. Wendelkin, 1130 1/2 Acosta, phone 2-6240; Fin. Sec. and Bus. Agt., 417 Lincoln, Office, Labor Temple, phone 8783.

PLASTERERS 763—Meets 2nd Wed., 4th Thurs., Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Ray T. Jones, 146 Pine, phone 5530; Rec. and B.A., Carl Smith, home phone 2-2565.

PLUMBERS & STEAMFITTERS 503—Meets 2nd Tuesdays, Salinas Moose Hall, 8 p.m. Pres., John S. McCall; Rec. Sec., A. Bianchini, Office, Labor Temple, phone 2-2517.

POSTAL CARRIERS 1046—Meets 3rd Wednesday, Woman's Civic Club, 8 p.m. Pres., John Ball, 636 Central, phone 2-2961.

PRESSMEN 328 (Monterey Bay Area Printing Pressmen & Assts. Union)—Meets 3rd Monday, 8 p.m., Salinas every month, Monterey odd months; Pres., Mervin E. Tierney, 219 4th St., P.G.; Sec.-Treas., Robt. J. Lovajoy, 1365 Alta Vista, Seaside, phone Monterey 2-6901.

RETAIL CLERKS 839—Meets 2nd Wednesday, Women's City Club, 8 p.m. Pres., Lawrence Vestal, 406 Calif. St., phone 6624; Sec. and Bus. Agt., Garold F. Miller, 206 Alisal St., phone 2-3366; office phone 4933.

ROOFERS 50—Meets 2nd Friday, Watsonville Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Melvin Jones, 241 Margaret St., Salinas; Sec. and B. A., Leslie B. Sellers, 210 Granite St., Pacific Grove, phone 5-6862.

SHEET METAL WORKERS 304—Meets 1st Friday, Franco Hotel, Castroville, Pres., John Alsop, P. O. Box 317, Pacific Grove, phone 2-3825; Rec. Sec., Ray Kalbal, Box 250, Boulder Creek; Fin. Sec., Ray Opler, 924 East St., Salinas, phone 9274; Bus. Rep., Harry Foster, 341 Sequoia, Salinas. Office phone Monterey 5-6744.

STAGE EMPLOYEES AND MOTION PICTURE OPERATORS 611—Meets 1st Tuesday, Watsonville Labor Temple, 9:30 a.m. Pres., Stanley Falkenberg, 2 Serrano Way, Monterey, phone 2-7758; Rec. Sec., Al Pierce, 717 Sunset Dr., Capitola, phone, Santa Cruz 5629-M; Fin. Sec., Art Jackson, 1123 Kimmel, Salinas, phone 2-0818; Bus. Agent, James Wilson, 228 Peyton, Santa Cruz, phone 1216.

SUGAR REFINERY WORKERS 20616—Meets 2nd and 4th Monday, Spreckels Fire Hall, 8 p.m. Pres., Joseph Linden, 30 3rd St., phone 2-3078; Sec.-Treas., Robert MacRostie, 59 1st St., phone 3064.

TEACHERS 1020—Meets 3rd Monday Salinas, 7:30 p.m. Pres., John H. Lewis, 522 Crescent Way, phone 2-5252; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Thelma Fox, 31 Willow, Salinas, phone 2-3682.

GENERAL TEAMSTERS, WAREHOUSEMEN AND HELPERS 890—Meets 1st Thursday, Salinas Moose Hall, 8 p.m. Pres., John Sullivan, 1084 W. Laurel St.; Sec. and Bus. Mgr., Wm. G. Kenyon; Bus. Agt., Alisal, Salinas, phone 5743.

TYPOGRAPHICAL 543—Meets 3rd Monday, 8 p.m., alternating at Salinas and Watsonville. Pres., L. A. Spencer, Salinas; Sec.-Treas., A. C. Davis, 109 Prospect St., Watsonville, phone 4-3217.

Doubletalk Not Way to Normalcy, Says Schnitzler

Joliet, Ill.—"The Administration is subjecting the American people to daily doses of doubletalk instead of forthright constructive action regarding the dangerous economic situation," said AFL Secretary-Treasurer William Schnitzler in an address at the testimonial dinner for Raymond Shea, President of the Will County Central Trades and Labor Council here.

Schnitzler added, "to us, a man who loses his job is more than just another statistic to be toted up neatly on a computing machine and dismissed with the comment that this, after all, is the way 'back to normalcy.' He is a human being, a brother member, a friend or neighbor. He is a consumer who can no longer afford to enter our shops and to buy the products of our trades and industries. Though he may mean little to the great captains of business and government, we cannot shrug him off so lightly. He is living, breathing evidence to us that something has gone wrong somewhere—demanding action.

"It does not encourage us then to hear it said that a higher level of unemployment is to be expected in a 'normal' peacetime economy, or that it does not yet add up to a depression. To hear the situation described as a necessary 'rolling readjustment'—rather than a 'recession'—gives little comfort to the man who has just been rolled by the readjusters. Nor does it instill in us a greater measure of faith, hope and confidence in our national leaders to be told that the danger is only 'psychological'—that it is all in the head. Yet, in place of forthright constructive action, we are being subjected to daily doses of such doubletalk.

"I lay no claim to the gift of economic prophecy. But when I see the economic barometers continuing to fall, I can only conclude that more stormy weather lies somewhere in the offing.

"And what do our national leaders propose to do about it. The Administration has declared that it will use all the powers of the Federal Government to combat rising unemployment. But it didn't say what, when, where or how—and it didn't say positively," said the AFL Secretary-Treasurer.

KEEP COOL

The cooling system of a new car will last the life of the machine if it is cared for properly. Regular maintenance includes periodic flushing, the use of rust inhibitor, and the use of approved anti-freeze solutions if they are required.

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BARTENDERS 483—Meets at 315 Alvarado St., 1st Wednesday, 8:30 p.m., 3rd Wednesday, 2:30 p.m. Pres., Robt. S. Harrington, Box 539, Pacific Grove, phone 2-4745; Secy.-Treas., Robt. F. Armstrong, Office at 313, Alvarado St., Monterey, phone 5-6734.

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CALIF. BUILDING & CONSTR. TRADES COUNCIL—Pres., Otto E. Neve; Gen. Sec., James F. Ward, 1095 Market St., San Francisco; Monterey vice-pres., L. T. Long, 117 Lighthouse Ave., Pacific Grove.

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CARPENTERS 1323—Meets 1st and 3rd Monday, Carpenters Hall, 8 p.m. Pres., E. E. Norman; Fin. Sec., R. A. Dalton, 864 Congress, Pacific Grove, phone 2-4314; Rec. Sec., Leo Thilgen, 12 Serrano Way, phone 2-0335; B. A., Tom Eide, office, Carpenters Hall, 778 Hawthorne, phone 2-7511, home phone 5-7242.

CARPENTERS LADIES' AUXILIARY 674—Meets 1st and 3rd Mondays, 8 p.m., Carpenters Hall, Pres., Mrs. Nora Maxwell, 2022 Del Monte, phone 2-4231; Sec., Mrs. Robert Dalton, 864 Congress, Pacific Grove, phone 2-4314; Fin. Sec., Mrs. Emil Koubka, 231 Lobos, Pacific Grove, phone 2-1873.

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ELECTRICAL WORKERS 1072—Meets 2nd Monday 691 Lighthouse, 7:30 p.m.; Pres., P. J. Tracey, 441 Pine St., Pacific Grove; Fin. Sec., Gordon Howe, Pacific Street, Monterey, phone 5-4443; Rec. Sec., John DeCroat, 410 Clay St., Monterey; Bus. Agent LeRoy Hasty, Forest & Morse, Pacific Grove, phone 5-4632; Office Forest & Morse Sts., phone 5-4632.

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FISH CANNERY WORKERS—Meets on call at headquarters. Pres., Tony Alves, 492 Webster, phone 5-5869; Secy.-Treas., Roy Humbrecht, 509 Granite, Pacific Grove, phone 2-5164; Bus. Agt., Lester A. Caveny, 919 Cypress, Seaside, phone 2-4023. Headquarters, 320 Hoffman St., phone 2-4571.

FISHERMEN (Seine and Line)—Meets monthly on full moon at 2 p.m. at Union Hall, Pres., Michael Yule; Sec.-Treas., Thomas P. Flores, 628 Lilly St.; Bus. Agt., John Crivello, 927 Franklin St., Office and hall, 233 Alvarado St., phone 5-3126.

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MOTOR COACH EMPLOYEES 192—Meets 3rd Friday, 1 p.m. and 4 p.m., Bartenders Hall, Pres., Emmet J. Wood, 230 Bentley Pacific Grove, phone 5-6569; Sec., Doris Lake.

MUSICIANS 616—Meets 1st Sunday, 2 p.m., 135 W. Franklin, Pres., Louis B. Walker, 589 Ocean View, Pacific Grove, phone 2-1577; Sec., Don B. Foster, Office, 125 W. Franklin, phone 5-6166; Bus. Agt., Fred Storer, 238 Auburn St., Salinas, phone 2-0579.

PAINTERS 272—Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesday, 320 Hoffman St., Monterey, 8 p.m. Pres., Jack Shannon; Fin. Sec. and Bus. Agt., M. Isackson, office, 320 Hoffman St., phone 5-6744.

PLASTERERS & CEMENT MASONS 337—Meets 1st Friday, 8 p.m., 320 Hoffman St. Pres., Otto Rodley; Sec. and Bus. Agt., T. B. Ellis, 739 Noche Buena, Seaside, phone 2-1703; office, 320 Hoffman, phone 5-6744.

PLUMBERS STEAMFITTERS 62—Meets 4th Fridays, Carpenters Hall, 778 Hawthorne, 8 p.m. Pres., Bernie Warrington, 1562 Military Ave., Seaside; Rec. Sec., Paul F. Handover, P.O. Box 11, Carmel; Sec.-Bus. Agt., John Grain, Office, 778 Hawthorne St., Monterey, phone 2-7580.

POST OFFICE CLERKS 122—Meets 1st Thursday of month, Rm. 6 P.O. Bldg., 8:30 p.m. Pres., David "Bud" Dougherty, 404 Lighthouse, P. G., phone 2-3215; Sec. and B.A., Dick Miller, 202 Via Del Rey, phone 5-6292; mail to Local 1222, Post Office, Monterey.

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SHEET METAL WORKERS 304—Meets 1st Friday, Franco Hotel, Castroville, Pres., John Alsop, Pacific Grove, phone Monterey 2-3825; Rec. Sec., Ray Kalbal, Box 250 Boulder Creek; Fin. Sec., Ray Opler, 924 East St., Salinas, phone 9274; Bus. Rep., Harry Foster, 341 Sequoia, Salinas. Office phone, Monterey 5-6744.

STAGE EMPLOYEES AND MOTION PICTURE OPERATORS 611—Meets 1st Tuesday, Watsonville Labor Temple, 9:30 a.m. Pres., Stanley Falkenberg, 2 Serrano Way, Monterey, phone 2-7758; Rec. Sec., Al Pierce, 717 Sunset Dr., Capitola, phone, Santa Cruz 5629-M; Fin. Sec., Art Jackson, 1123 Kimmel, Salinas, phone 2-0818; Bus. Agt., James Wilson, 228 Peyton, Santa Cruz, phone 1216.

TEACHERS 1020—Meets 3rd Monday, Salinas, 7:30 p.m. Pres., John H. Lewis, 522 Crescent Way, Salinas, phone 2-5262; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Thelma Fox, 31 Willow, Salinas, phone 2-3682.

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Professors Study The Risk at Races

A business statistics expert at the University of California at Los Angeles has been "betting" on horse races to learn more about one of the small business man's most difficult decisions—how much liquid capital must be kept on hand to guard against short run business ups and downs.

Dr. R. Clay Sprowls and his research assistant, Herbert Karr, haven't actually been frequenting the race tracks at nearby Santa Anita or Hollywood Park.

But with the help of an electronic computer that "runs 4,000 races" in less than five minutes, they have been experimenting to see how much cash an emotion-free horse player should have in his pocket to minimize the risk of going broke during an initial run of bad luck. The variables, of course, are the size of the bets and the odds on winning.

After several months of experimentation, the two men found they could estimate with an accuracy of 99 per cent the risk of going broke, given certain known

MISSISSIPPI 15TH TO PASS WORK LAW

Jackson, Miss. — Mississippi became the 15th state to pass a so-called right-to-work law when the legislature approved legislation prohibiting compulsory union membership and closed shops. The measure also allows employers to refuse to "check off" union members' dues.

The leader of the fight against the bill, Rep. W. W. Ramsey, said unions have done more to raise the standard of living than any other single factor.

"When we destroy unions," Ramsey said, "we bring down the standard of living in this state."

The Taft-Hartley Act permits states to overrule federal law and prohibit all forms of union security, including the union shop.

Following are the states which now have right-to-work laws: Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Iowa, Mississippi, Nebraska, Nevada, North Carolina, North Dakota, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia.

South Carolina's legislature is holding hearings on similar legislation. Maine, Massachusetts and New Mexico repealed their statutes by voter referendum while Delaware, Louisiana and New Hampshire repealed them by legislative action.

variables. They are now getting ready to turn the electronic computer loose on some of the problems of small business financing.

Dr. Sprowls and Karr have gathered data on a small Los Angeles firm and by feeding information about its receipts and expenditures into the computer, they hope to find out what is the best possible level of operating funds needed by that particular business.

If this experiment is successful, the two men plan to extend their risk theories to examination of other types of businesses under varying conditions.

Social security records list approximately one and one-fourth million people named Smith. Make sure your name and social security number are copied correctly by your employer right from your account-number card to prevent errors in your account.

Letter to the Editor...

Editor's Note: We are pleased to print the following letter pin-pointing one example of the thousands upon thousands of slanted stories, distortions, errors, and outright lies perpetrated by the big business press. Do you know of a case like this? Do you have the facts to back it up? Send us the story in a letter to the editor. We'll be happy to reprint it. It can be on anything you choose: politics, depression, war or peace—only make it factual, giving quotes if possible. Also we welcome letters to the editor on any and every topic you may wish to discuss. This is your forum. Make us of it.

WITH A GRAIN OF SALT

With a little observation, I have come to conclusion that one should read between the lines concerning the good(?) points of our Republican Administration as told to us by a G.O.P. free press.

In a late January issue of the Independent in Ray Tucker's column, the following was noted. Quote:

"Is it true," asks F. G. of Poughkeepsie, N.Y. "that President Eisenhower has created a grim and kill-joy atmosphere at Washington in place of the gaiety that prevailed during the Roosevelt and Truman Administration? It may not be an important question, but I know many people are interested."

Answer (as given by the Columnist Ray Tucker): "It is an extremely important question, for it means the difference between a sober and responsible Administration and a regime that had too many playboys and 'hostess with the mostest' for its own good. A sizable batch of the favoritism, crookedness and corruption and tolerance of charming fellow travelers in the last twenty years was cooked in cocktail broth."

However, in Life Magazine, dated Dec. 28, 1953, the following was printed with many photographs to prove the point. Again quote:

"For the glittery conglomeration of public figures, foreign emissaries and private citizens who make up Washington society, this is the biggest and most dazzling season since before the war. The White House, for the first time in years, has embarked on a full schedule of dinners and receptions. Night after night Embassy Row along Massachusetts Ave. gleams with light as 78 foreign ambassadors and ministers—more than the capitol has ever had before—give an unceasing round of cocktail parties, formal dinners, evening receptions. So great is the rush that the city's big catering houses are already booked solid for the entire season—some for as many as 200 parties a month.

For some Washington hosts, like foreign diplomatic representatives who have to meet many important people, giving parties is as much a part of the job as delivering diplomatic messages."

WILLIAM H. McRAE
5760 Clinton Ave., Richmond 9.
(Editor's Note: The bold face emphasis is ours.)

It's Your Duty to VOTE!



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If You Carry Health Insurance Take a Peek at This, Brother!

An organization called the Health Information Foundation—supported entirely by large drug and chemical corporations—has recently released the results of a study which it describes as providing "for the first time in 20 years a comprehensive, nationwide picture of medical costs actually incurred by families." While the foundation's report carefully refrains from drawing any conclusions, the figures are eloquent in themselves.

AGGRAVATE PROBLEM

Not only do they show that existing insurance plans are not meeting the needs; they strongly suggest that these limited, fragmentary plans actually increase costs and further aggravate the national health problem.

While the study finds 89,500,000 people (58 percent of the population) "covered" by some form of health insurance, it also finds that the effectiveness of the protection leaves something to be desired.

The fact of the matter is that the vast amount of high-priced insurance now in force meets only 15 percent of the \$10.2 billion in medical costs incurred annually by the American people.

Those "covered" by health insurance plans got back an average of only \$17 a year in benefits from these plans. Stack that up against your own medical bills and insurance premium payments.

Fees and charges for physicians' services which constitute the largest single category of medical costs, amounts to \$3.8 billion a year. Insurance benefits covered only 13 percent of these costs.

A total of six and a half million families were found to be in debt to hospitals, doctors, dentists and other suppliers of medical goods and services—to the tune of \$900 million. In addition, another \$200 million was owed to banks and other creditors for loans to pay for medical expenses.

During the year, one million families incurred medical costs equaling or exceeding one-half of their annual incomes. Half a million families incurred medical costs equaling or exceeding their total annual income.

But the most striking thing revealed by this study is one long suspected by critics of prevailing types of insurance—they do not reduce the burden of family medical costs, but actually lead to a net increase in those costs. As an example—the median annual cost incurred by families with insurance was \$145; the cost incurred by families without insurance was \$63. Furthermore, the net cost that insured families had to pay out-of-pocket over and above the amount met by insurance benefits was \$117—compared with the net cost of \$63 incurred by families without such coverage.

Also, despite the fact that in-

sured persons are likely to represent the better health "risks," the hospital admission rate was 13 per 100 for insured persons as compared with a rate of 10 per 100 for those without insurance. This also reflects the absence of provision for preventive care or for diagnosis and treatment outside the hospital.

This same tendency is apparent to an even more marked degree in the surgical data. In families with surgical insurance, the number of surgical procedures is seven per 100. In families without surgical insurance it is four per 100. This wide disparity suggests two possibilities, either or both of which contradict the AMA position.

Either the absence of an adequate insurance program is depriving many persons of badly-needed medical and surgical treatment; or else those covered by insurance are being operated upon more often than is necessary or justified.

If the explanation lies in the latter proposition, it would seem that the practice of performing unnecessary operations in order to take advantage of the liberal fees available from insurance plans is more widespread than the medical profession cares to admit. The greater likelihood is that there is a strong element of truth in both propositions.

In view of the extravagant claims that have been made about the so-called "voluntary" insurance plans, the picture revealed by this study is one of expensive, elaborate failure. Fifty-eight percent of the population is paying good, hard-earned money into a series of "prepayment" plans which do not, in fact, prepay any very substantial part of their costs.

As a basis upon which to build a national health policy, plans such as these are a frail and slender reed, at best. The "trickle-down" approach of "reinsurance" will accomplish little to improve the situation. Instead of reinsuring the profits of the insurance companies, the proper object of an enlightened national policy should be to insure the health of its citizens.

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TAXAGRAM

COLLECT!
And How!

In 1945 the federal debt stood at a total of approximately \$259 billion. By 1954 the total federal debt had increased to \$275 billion, a rise of 6.1 percent.

During the same period state and local debt rose from \$16.5 billion to \$32 billion, an increase of 93.9 percent. In state after state tax revenues are falling behind expenditures. Many cities are finding it increasingly difficult to finance necessary services adequately.

The financial problems of both states and cities are becoming more serious because of the growing demands for housing, school buildings, roads, health facilities, and other services resulting from our rapidly expanding population. Pointing to their limited tax resources, local and state governments are demanding more federal cooperation in meeting these problems.

The President in his budget message advised taxpayers that defense expenditures would be cut by \$5 billion and federal taxes would be reduced by a corresponding amount during the next fiscal year. He added that as further reductions were made in spendings they would be reflected in further tax cuts.

Unless future defense needs demand increases in expenditures, we may look forward to cuts in federal taxes in a period when demands for local and state taxes increase.

This situation is one requiring statesmanship. Sound economy demands that the Federal government exercise its taxing power to aid state and local governments as its own need for taxes decreases. Many of the poorer states and even wealthy cities are unable to provide for their own needs because of legal restrictions, constitutional limitations, and competitive factors. The Federal government could and should aid them in working out their problem.

President Eisenhower set up what was known as the Manion Commission to examine the problem of federal-state-local fiscal relations. This commission faces a tremendous challenge and should bring in recommendations that could go far in providing a more solid basis to our economy.

Unfortunately, it appeared that major emphasis of Dr. Manion was on returning more responsibility to local and state governments for financing necessary services. This is an age of rapid communication and increasing integration of business is unrealistic; there are 48 states and thousands of overlapping governmental units—cities, counties, villages, townships, and school districts—which frequently compete among themselves and follow tax and fiscal programs contrary to sound economic policy.

To correct this situation more, rather than less, federal assistance may be necessary; any assumption by President Eisenhower, or his advisers, that decreasing the amount of federal aid will be a move in the direction of rationalizing federal-state-local tax and fiscal relations may serve only to increase existing disparities, dissatisfaction, and confusion.

TEACHER'S NOTEBOOK

AMERICAN FEDERATION OF TEACHERS
LOCAL 1020 MONTEREY COUNTY

TEACHER UNION MEMBERS ACTIVE IN SALINAS-ALISAL DEMOCRATIC CLUB

Like other unions, AFT 1020 is not aligned exclusively with one political party. We have both Republicans and Democrats among our members. However, we realize that the ordinary citizen can either choose to ACT politically with others in his own behalf and for the good of society, or he can choose to be ACTED UPON as others decide. We believe that all citizens should assume some responsibility toward politics and should not only vote but should encourage well qualified persons to run for office. We should help to choose the best qualified persons for our political candidates.

Several members of AFT 1020 have been active in the Salinas-Alisal Democratic Club and recently when the caucus to select a State Assembly candidate was held the following were among club delegates: Dr. "Pete" Borrough, Don Hamburger, Keith McKillop, Don Tarr and John Lewis.

At the caucus 60 voting delegates of Democratic clubs from all over Monterey County voted by secret ballot and chose Frederick Farr to run for the State Assembly seat now being contested.

Farr accepted the nomination and thanked the delegates for their support. He promised to make an active campaign throughout the county and agreed to talk about his qualifications and campaign issues to any groups inviting him.

It has been proposed that the League of Women Voters, a strong non-partisan organization, should again this year conduct public forums, getting the various candidates to appear on the same platform and state their views so that the voters can be intelligently informed about them.

CFL SPONSORS ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST

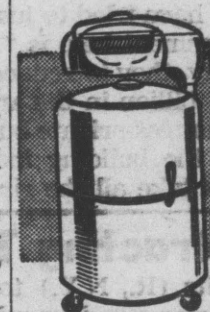
Notices have been sent out by the California Federation of Labor announcing the annual California Federation of Labor scholarships to be awarded after May 21 when a two-hour examination will be given in each high school where students compete. The three highest contestants in California

and Hawaii will receive \$500 scholarships which can be used to attend any four-year college or university. The competitive examination deals with a knowledge and understanding of labor history and principles, so candidates who are not successful in winning a scholarship nevertheless are benefitted by their special studies in the labor field.

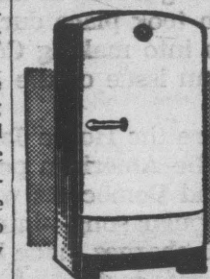
So far, only a few Monterey County students have competed for these valuable scholarships and it is to be hoped that there will be more taking part this year. The principals of all California high schools are given complete information about the scholarships so all our high school students should know about them.

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Public Risk and Private Gain

Sen. Homer Capehart (R., Ind.) and Rep. Jesse Wolcott (R., Mich.) have voted consistently against permitting the government to clear slums, help middle-income groups obtain cooperative housing or control rents.

Only last year, Wolcott voted against any public housing whatsoever. There was no vote on housing in the Senate last year, but in 1952, Capehart—as well as Wolcott—voted to allow the government to build only 5000 public housing units, instead of the 135,000 which the Housing Act called for.

Both gentlemen have tried to justify their stands by arguing that such government help is "Socialism."

But the other day, they introduced twin bills providing for an increase of \$1½ billion in the amount of loans which the U.S. Treasury guarantees private builders. In short, Capehart and Wolcott want the building industry to get the profits while the taxpayers take all the risks.

Distracting Tactics

Rep. Jacob Javits (R., N.Y.) told members of Congress they "would be making a serious mistake if they allowed the factional talk which took place during the Lincoln birthday week to draw them into making Communism in the United States of America an issue of the 1954 Congressional campaign."

In a speech before the House Javits said:

"I believe that the American people expect that responsible Republicans and Democrats will not be ricocheted—to use the idea in a popular song—into a bitter factional scrap based on sensational charges made by a few who wish Communism to be the issue instead of the President's program.

"I cannot believe that men and women experienced in active political life would be distracted on the fundamentals by any such diversion, especially in view of the fact that the President himself, the leader of the party, and the Speaker have made so clear their own truly American understanding of the limits of partisanship; nor is it fair to consider the sensational charges made by a few the attitude of the rank-and-file of Republicans.

"I cannot believe that responsible Democrats will be diverted by these sensational charges from supporting an expansion of Social Security, a national housing program, improvement of unemployment insurance, a national health program, a review of labor-management legislation, a new farm policy, and vital measures concerning international security and trade.

"The country and the nation—indeed the whole free world—face vital decisions in these next months. Let us get to them and not risk serious injury to the whole cause of the free peoples by being distracted by a factional fight on shadows, fears, and by-gones not documented by facts."

Ike, Food and Children

The President and the Secretary of Agriculture confess that they do not know what to do with surplus food.

One would suppose that they would do all they could to channel surplus milk, butter, corn and other commodities now held in warehouses to needy school children.

Yet the Administration twice has asked Congress to cut funds for the school lunch program which provides free meals for children from poor families, and lunches for others at moderate cost.



THOMAS EIDE
Bus. Agt. Monterey Carpenters
Union 1323

Social Security benefits are of two types as is implied by the name "OLD AGE AND SURVIVORS INSURANCE." Proof of age is one of the essential factors in becoming entitled to all "Old-Age" benefits. Retired workers, wives and widows (without children under 18 in their care), dependent husbands and widowers, and dependent parents must have reached "retirement age," defined as age 65, to be eligible for benefits.

Since the Social Security Act specifically states that applicants for benefits under Social Security must furnish proof of age before benefits may be paid, this is a problem that will confront almost every adult citizen. In 1985 almost every citizen will have available a birth certificate, but in the years between only persons born in a few of our Eastern states will be so fortunate, and securing proof of age is not easy.

In the absence of a birth certificate, other proofs are acceptable. A public record of birth properly certified by the custodian of such public records is the best evidence, provided that this record was established shortly after birth or at least prior to 1939. If neither of these is possible, a baptismal record or church record or birth are acceptable, if certified as true and exact copies by the proper officer of the church.

If none of these are obtainable, certain other types of proof may be acceptable if properly certified and recorded. Among these are:

A hospital record or certificate.
Flyttningsbetyg or similar record of birth issued in other countries;
Certification by a Social Security office of a family bible record made at the time of birth.
Naturalization or Immigration documents;
Passport of not too recent date;
School or college records;
An insurance policy, if taken out before 1939.

Now is the time for all persons working in jobs or for themselves, if covered by Social Security, to secure these proofs so that they may be available when needed. Your local Social Security office at the address below will be glad to consult with you on the acceptability of proofs.

Your Security Office is at 196 San Augustine St., San Jose 10, Phone CYpress 2-2480.

California Machinists Elect Freeman Brown

San Francisco.—Freeman Brown, business representative of Machinists District 50, San Diego, was elected president of the California Conference of Machinists. He succeeds Lawrence Sargenti of Fresno.

Other officers elected to the organization representing 100,000 Machinists were Jack Andersen of San Francisco, vice president, and John Schiavenza of Oakland, treasurer.

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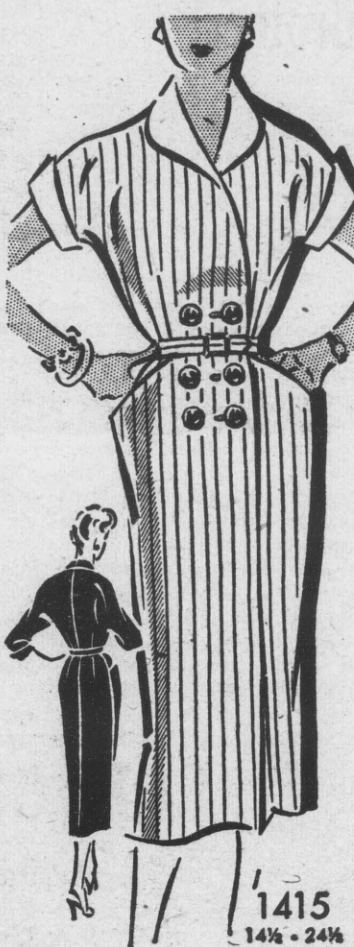


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Jokes, Etc.

"How do you know those exercises in front of an open window are doing you good?" asked Mabel. "The boy across the street has asked me to marry him three times already," replied Gertie.

Uncle Remus says he has this method of surprising women: Place your arm around her waist, hold her tight. Start to kiss her. When she yells, "Stop," release her. Note amazement on face.

A swanky chap applied at the recruiting office of the army to enlist.

"I suppose you want a commission," said the recruiting officer. "No, thanks," replied the fellow. "I'm such a poor shot that I'd rather work on a straight salary."

Carpenter Pete says that he who horses around too much may find himself a groom!

The doctor came out of the bedroom to the anxious wife. "Frankly, I don't like the way your husband looks at all," he said.

"I don't either, Doc," said the wife, "but he is nice to the kids."

Li'l Gee 'Gee, the office vamp, says a married man is one who uses two hands to drive his car.

"Why were you kissing my daughter in that dark corner last night?" quizzed the irate father. "Now that I've seen her in the daylight," replied the dubious youth, "I sort of wonder myself!"

In judging others
It's ever wise
To see with the heart
As well as the eyes.

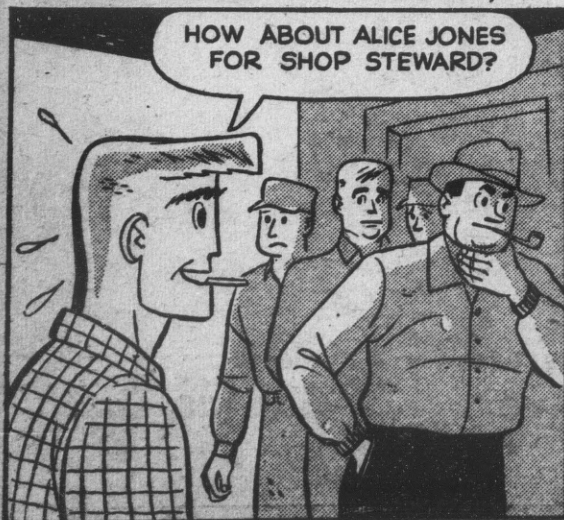
Optimist: "Please pass the cream."

Pessimist: "Pass the milk."

Skeptic: "Pass the pitcher."

We don't know how popular the Mamie hair style will become, but a lot of men have the Ike hair-do.

UNION MAID —A Serial Story



Big Bosses Are HAPPY Over Unemployment!

Washington (NLPA)—Total unemployment in the United States this year can reach 5,000,000 and an additional 3,000,000 workers may be gainfully employed only three or four days a week unless the White House and Congress quickly take action to reverse economic trends, highly regarded economists indicated March 1.

If as many as 5,000,000 are completely unemployed and 3,000,000 others are working short hours, there will be grave danger of a depression, it was said, because even the millions of workers still on payrolls would then become fearful and would curtail their expenditures. Safeguards provided by Congress during the Roosevelt Administration would not suffice to prevent a full-scale depression, it was emphasized, if unemployment is allowed to mount to the 5,000,000 mark.

U.S. figures now place unemployment above 3,000,000. Leaders of a number of international unions say that the actual total is close to 4,000,000.

President Eisenhower and the Republican majority in Congress can put a stop to the recession if they will act quickly, AFL and CIO leaders point out, but there are no signs that the President and the solons intend to make any of the moves which have been recommended by organized labor.

Reports reaching Washington indicate that many powerful employers are pleased with the amount of unemployment now prevailing and favor a constant "float" of 3,000,000 to 4,000,000 unemployed. These employers are convinced that they can get more production out of their own employees when the specter of unemployment rises before them. Reactionary employers with this philosophy are the dominant figures in the National Association of Manufacturers, which has a good communications line to the White House, according to reports here, through Secretary of Defense Wilson, Secretary of the Treasury Humphrey and Secretary of Commerce Weeks.

Despite hourly reports of curtailments and layoffs, labor's economists do not believe there will be an economic collapse this year. They say that 1954 will be a difficult year in a number of industries and localities, but there is no reason to expect a full-scale depression this year.

The year of great peril will be next year, according to the union economists and the staff experts of the Senate-House Joint Economic Committee. The latter were blunt in their analysis of the economic outlook attached to the committee report made public here.

The economy may be in for much rougher going next year than during the present economic slump, the staff experts of the Senate-House group declared. Their analysis suggested that increased unemployment and a decline in the hours of work per employee are probable unless anti-recession action is taken.

Organized labor has repeatedly urged President Eisenhower to press Congress for specific anti-recession deeds. Nothing has been done, but the President recently told a news conference that he will act later if the situation gets worse. Arthur Burns, chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers, is one of the men close to the President who are considered partly responsible for the President's decision to let valuable time be lost while the national economy slides further downhill.

Various international unions with headquarters in Washington reported this week that short time is a growing problem. Not only has overtime work, so important in fattening otherwise inadequate paychecks, been lost in recent weeks, but, in addition, many thousands of workers are putting in less than

the usual 37½ or 40 hours per week. Reduced income means reduced ability to purchase, thus slowing the wheels of trade and industry, union leaders said.

GOP "Do Nothing" Policy Attacked By Pres. Meany

Washington — George Meany, AFL president, urging President Eisenhower to take immediate action to halt the rising unemployment totals, cautioned against the philosophy that "what's good for business is good for the nation."

"The government," he wrote in an editorial in the current issue of The American Federationist, "should realize once and for all that what's good for the people is bound to be good for business and the nation as a whole."

"We hope his (the President's) confidence in an upturn during March is justified," wrote Meany, "but we are convinced that it is a mistake to sit back and do nothing in the hope that conditions will get better themselves when it is entirely practical to take action now to insure that they don't get worse."

"There is always the possibility that a policy of too little will render future action too late."

"The plain fact," he went on, "is that purchasing power has shrunk. Abnormally high unemployment, which feeds on itself, is mainly responsible. When people buy less, inventories pile up and merchants stop placing orders. That halts the production wheels in the nation's factories and more workers are laid off."

"The only way to arrest this destructive process is to stimulate the flow of purchasing power. The most effective way to do this is to place more money in the hands of the people, not to provide more favors and incentives to business."

N. Cal. Health Plan Conference Set for March 20-21 in S.F.

(State Fed. Release)

Twelve northern California Central Councils will sponsor a two-day health and welfare conference Saturday and Sunday, March 20-21, at the Building Service Center, 240 Golden Gate Avenue, in downtown San Francisco, it was announced last week by George W. Johns, secretary of the San Francisco Labor Council.

The conference is being presented in conjunction with the California State Federation of Labor and with the technical assistance of the Institute of Industrial Relations, of the University of California.

In addition to a survey of various types of health and welfare plans, the conference will feature a panel discussion of medical care costs.

A new approach in hitherto unsuccessful attempts to establish Hodgkin's Disease—a so-called cancer of the lymph glands—in experimental animals is now being made at the University of California School of Medicine as a result of a \$12,000 research grant from the Dorothy H. and Lewis Rosenstiel Foundation.



Storm Warnings Are Up!

Washington—Economic storm warnings were hoisted over the nation as the cost of living neared an all-time peak, factory wages dropped, unemployment increased, farm prices sagged, purchasing power of the dollar fell and the national debt climbed.

The Government reported that living costs rose to a point where consumers had to pay an average of \$15.20 for the same goods and services that cost them \$10 in 1947-49.

Bureau of Labor Statistics noted that coffee and pork prices led the rise. Between December and January other price rises included beef, veal, fish, fresh vegetables, bread, rents, footwear, transportation, and medical care and beauty shop services.

Despite the rise in the cost of living, factory workers suffered a loss in wages. Earnings dipped from \$71.96 in December to \$70.92 in January.

Meantime, the department reported a rise in unemployment. Initial claims for unemployment compensation—which indicate the job trend—in the week ending Feb. 20, rose to 424,000. It said the number of persons actually collecting jobless benefits increased in the week ending Feb. 13 to 2,178,400.

The actual number of people without jobs, however, is much higher because only about three out of every five persons in the labor force are covered by unemployment insurance. The Commerce Department recently estimated that about 3.1 million persons were without work in early January.

The Agriculture Department revealed that prices received by farmers for their products declined two per cent between February 1953 and February 1954. They were almost 18 per cent below the record high reached in February 1951.

The Treasury Department stated that the national debt on Feb. 24 was within just \$369 million of the legal limit of \$275 billion. That represented a climb of \$7.2 billion in one year.

There was one silver lining in the sky for some people: stockholders in corporations which publicly report dividend payments received \$142 million more in dividends last January than in January 1953.

Negro cowboys played a significant and almost forgotten role in the development of the West, says Dr. Philip C. Durham, instructor in English on the Los Angeles campus of the University of California.

Making Ends Meet

Appetizing Lunch Boxes Should Contain Side Dishes

By NANCY PRATT

One task that often gets lost in the shuffle of other housework is the job of fixing an appetizing lunch. If your husband or children take their lunch to work or school, the responsibility for seeing to it that they eat a hearty noon meal falls on your shoulders.

The pleasure of mid-day lunch break is an important morale factor, either at school or on the job, and a well-filled lunch box can contribute much to this enjoyment.

In preparing lunch boxes, remember that you're not limited to sandwiches. Additional side dishes will add variety to box lunches and give them more substance. When you fix casseroles, chowders, and stews, make up extra portions to include in the lunch box. They can be heated easily the next morning and packed handily in a wide-mouthed thermos jar. That way your family can be sure of a hot lunch to see them through the day. Invest in paper containers for custards, salads, and stewed fruit to further round out meals away from home.

For good nutrition, always include one raw vegetable or fruit, such as carrot sticks, green pepper slices, apples, or pears. Wrapped in foil, they will keep crisp and add greatly to the appeal of boxed lunches.

Try new sandwich spreads. For instance, peanut butter mixed with cranberry sauce for the children, or chopped chicken liver and egg for the man of the house, help to break the monotony of old standbys such as egg salad or sliced cheese.

You'll make your work easier if you can, at the beginning of the week, outline lunchbox menus for the full week and plan your food purchases accordingly. To cut down on last minute morning preparations, fix up sandwich spreads the night before and keep them in jars in the refrigerator.

BARGAIN VEGETABLE

Cabbage is one of this month's

most plentiful and inexpensive vegetables, so make the most of it. Often the color and appearance of cabbage is ruined by improper cooking. The best way is to drop it in water that has just reached the rolling boil stage and to keep the water at this temperature throughout the cooking period. You'll get better results if you leave the pan uncovered, adding salt to the water before cooking. Salt speeds the cooking time in addition to improving the color and helping to hold in the vitamins.

HOUSEHOLD HINT

If spraying for moths is a part of your spring cleaning, don't forget carpets and rugs as well as clothes. For spraying rugs, a 5 per cent DDT oil solution is advised. You'll need 1½ to 2 quarts of spray for one 9-by-12 rug of average weight. Gives special attention to parts of the rug that will be under heavy furniture such as pianos and sofas.

UNION LABEL

On most house repairs this spring you can save money by doing the work yourself—but for extensive renovations you need the help of skilled plumbers, electricians, or painters. See to it that the repairman holds a union card of one of the AFL building trades—and you'll know you can rely on his work.

Cabbage juice, now recommended by some doctors for the treatment of peptic ulcers, was used by ancient peoples as a hangover preventive, says Dr. Arthur Patch McKinlay, professor of Latin, emeritus, on the Los Angeles campus of the University of California.

\$327,000 PENALTY FOR UNION-BUSTING

A total of \$327,000 in penalties has been assessed against Montgomery Ward and Co. in Chicago by Municipal Judge Joseph B. Hermes, most of the total being in damages awarded to a union that, he ruled, the firm maliciously attempted to destroy.

The judge ruled that the union should receive \$250,000 in damages for loss of membership, loss of dues, and general expenses of fighting an injunction brought by Wards. Another sum of \$77,000 was awarded in attorney's fees.

Union in question was the Warehouse and Retail Employees Union. It was certified as bargaining agent in 1942, but the firm at first refused to bargain. NLRB then ordered Ward's to enter into a one-year contract with the union, and this was signed December 6, 1942.

On June 15, 1945, Ward obtained an amazing injunction forbidding the union from making any statements against the company in union publication. It took three years of legal fighting by the union before the Supreme Court ruled this injunction unconstitutional.

(Note: NLRB recently ruled that

business firms may lecture employees on company time against unionism.)

Attorneys' fees dated back to November, 1943, when Ward's filed a \$1 million libel suit against the union.

In the long course of the campaign, the union's membership at Ward's was driven down from 4,000 to 70. The union no longer represents Ward employees.

The union originally sued for \$800,000 in the suit filed last April, but an additional \$250,000 in punitive damages was asked during the course of the trial.

Ask Repeal of All Right-to-Work Laws

Washington, D. C. — Governors' delegates from state labor departments and organized labor in 41 states went on record unanimously against so-called "right-to-work" laws, asking repeal of legislation in all states that have adopted them.

The Twentieth National Conference on Labor Legislation declared against the Reed Bill HR 5173; went on the record for federal standards for unemployment insurance operation in the states, for an increase in the maximum weekly unemployment insurance benefits, and voted against the resolution now pending in the House on the entry of Mexican workers.

The delegates, appointed by the governors, said that the so-called "right to work" laws "curb individual freedom, infringe on the rights of employers and employees to establish conditions of employment through free collective bargaining, and are contrary to the expressed desires of working men and women as demonstrated by the results of 'union security' election." The conference urged "all state legislative bodies to repeal or defeat these anti-labor laws."

The federal standards for unemployment insurance operation proposed included that "maximum benefit amounts should not be less than two-thirds of the average weekly wage in covered employment, duration of the period in which benefits shall be payable to eligible unemployed workers shall not be less than 26 weeks, and all employment by employers of one or more employees shall be covered."

Man is nearing a complete understanding of the origin and evolution of the universe and the stars, says Dr. George Gamow, noted scientist and popularizer of science, who has joined the faculty of the University of California for the spring semester.

Life will be a lot happier for you if you use the advice you have been giving your friends.

Study the Legal Terms in Your Health Policy

So far there hasn't been too much attention paid to the fact that most people don't understand the legal meanings of everyday words in their health insurance policies.

For instance—

Do you have insurance which promises payment for "accidental bodily injury"? Fine. That means, legally, about what you think. But perhaps your policy will pay "for bodily injury sustained through accidental means." Many are worded that way. Watch out for that. The courts have held that you aren't injured through "accidental means" when you hurt yourself while doing something you intended to do—like swinging a golf club, moving a desk or painting a house.

Does your insurance offer weekly or monthly payments for disability?

How does it define "total disability"? Is the wording:

"Inability to engage in your own occupation"? (O.k. Then if you're a draftsman and become unable to draft, you'll probably get the money.)

"Inability to engage in any gainful occupation"? (Not so good. If you can earn a reasonable income anywhere, you aren't likely to get any payments.)

"Inability to engage in any occupation or employment for wage or profit"? (Definitely not good—the most restrictive wording of the three.)

A popular type of health insurance is that which offers:

- monthly payments in case you become disabled.

- Impressive lump sums of cash if you are blinded or lose limbs because of accidents or sickness.

Read that policy carefully. In most cases, when the company pays the big lump sum, it can cancel the policy. A \$1,000 lump sum offer looks pretty impressive (and usually is printed in big type) when you read it in the policy—but by itself, it won't go far if you lose your sight or your limbs.

Or, your policy may have words that make it appear that both the monthly benefits and the lump sum will be paid. In that case, watch for the word, "aggregate."

Let's say the biggest lump sum payment in your policy is \$1,000.

And let's say that the policy provides also for \$100 a month payments, "not to exceed a year," if you become disabled.

You'd probably assume, then, that if you lost both limbs, you would receive the \$1,000 lump sum, plus \$1,200 (\$100 a month for 12 months).

But—

If your policy also says somewhere that the aggregate benefits cannot exceed \$1,100 that's all you're going to get.

There is a sharp contrast between elaborate half-promises published and broadcast by some of the 800 U. S. health and accident insurance companies and the actual provisions in their policies.

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Fish & Game News . . .

Loss of Sardines May Be Permanent

By RICHARD S. CROCKER, Chief, Marine Fisheries Branch, Department of Fish and Game

Gone, perhaps forever, from the Bay of Monterey are the midnight lights of the fishing fleet. No longer do the proud white seiners pass under the Golden Gate Bridge, decks awash and holds crammed with sardines. Instead of estimating the thousands of tons in each daily catch, waterfront San Pedro counts the days between catches.

Missing from the Nation's store shelves are the millions of cans of sardines. Oil for paint and vitamin-rich protein meal for cattle and poultry are gone.

Whether one thinks of the romantic sound of mighty diesels carried on the sea breezes or more prosaically of the hard silver dollars—millions of them every year—that the little silvery fish produced, one must free the sad fact that a great and picturesque fishery has died before our eyes. Thousands have lost their livelihood with the vanishing sardine which is now too scarce even to provide bait for anglers.

What has caused this catastrophe? Could it have been prevented, Will the sardines return, and can we help them?

The answers to these questions are complex but we have them.

The causes of scarcity can be summarized as too much fishing and not enough reproduction. . . .

It can be stated without fear of contradiction that had landings been limited to 300,000 tons a year in the early 1940's, there would be no sardine crisis now. Had a limit of 200,000 tons a year been established as late as 1947, there would not be 75 idle processing plants rusting away nor over a 100 purse seine boats for sale at any price. But no one could believe that the ugly word "over-fishing" was the cause and no one wanted any regulation or restriction of their "right" to fish. . . .

IS IT TOO LATE?

Something drastic must be done, and soon. It may be too late but we must try. An advisory committee established late in 1951 and composed of the leaders of the industry, sportsmen's groups, Legislature and department labored long and earnestly to develop a conservation plan. In spite of everything, a workable program was laid before the Legislature in 1953. Bickering and disagreement over details caused its defeat. Fishing continues unrestricted and every sardine that shows a fin is captured forthwith.

Now, only complete cessation of fishing for a few years, followed by rigid control of fishing intensity

Mokelumne Fish

Sacramento—A shot in the arm for a potentially fine salmon stream will be administered this spring, when employees of the California Department of Fish and Game plant 2,000,000 king salmon fingerlings in the Mokelumne River above Lodi, San Joaquin County.

The fingerlings are being supplied through the cooperation of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, which has a surplus at its Coleman hatchery in Shasta County.

The state biologists hope that by introducing the young salmon into the river, they will lay the foundation for the return of the good salmon runs which the Mokelumne once supported. Pollution from wineries, and an inadequate fishway over the Woodbridge Dam below Lodi, have spoiled the stream's salmon run in past years.

Now the pollution is virtually cleared up, and present negotiations indicate that a good fishway will be in place by the time the survivors of this spring's "transfusion" complete their cycle of migration to the ocean and return to lay their eggs.

With completion of the fishway, the natural run in time would build up to the full 60,000 fish which the Mokelumne's spawning beds can accommodate. But if this spring's experimental planting is successful, biologists estimate, that day can be hastened by as much as three or four years.

for many years can hope to revive the sardine fishery. The few remaining fish must be given a chance to reproduce.

Mountain Lions

Sacramento—A total of 181 mountain lions were bountied by private individuals and California Department of Fish and Game personnel during 1953. This was the largest number taken since 1950, when 227 lions were bountied.

Tulare County led with 21 taken this year. Shasta and Madera counties produced 17 each. In all, 28 counties recorded mountain lion kills during 1953.

From its fish and game preservation fund, the state pays bounties of \$50 for males and \$60 for female lion hides.

9500 Tons of Tuna

Terminal Island—California's commercial fishing fleet delivered 9500 tons of tuna to the canneries during November, according to figures compiled by the marine fisheries branch of the Department of Fish and Game. Deliveries included 5900 tons of skipjack and 3350 tons of yellowfin.

A total of 10,250 tons of tuna was received by the canners in October.

Pacific mackerel fishermen delivered 1900 tons in November, compared with 1200 tons in the previous month. Jack mackerel deliveries, on the other hand, fell from 920 tons in October to 630 tons in November.

November anchovy receipts reached 2350 tons, nearly 50 per cent more than October's 1650 tons.

Reorganization of Post Office Dept. Is Branded Unfair

Some of the recommendations for a reorganization of the Post Office Department made for the Postmaster General are "unworkable, unfair and impracticable in many respects," the Government Employees' Council of the AFL declared. "Some of the recommendations," said the council, "reach the point of absurdity."

The council, composed of 23 national and international unions, which represent a majority of postal employees, said it appreciated the effort of the Postmaster General to come up with a workable reorganization program, but the plan presented by George Fry and Associates shows "a complete unfamiliarity with the important duties and requirements of the larger number of postal employees, including supervisors, postal transport clerks, post office clerks and letter carriers."

George Fry and Associates, said the council, failed to realize that basically the Post Office Department is a mail handling organization. It based its findings largely upon the operation of the post office in their home city, Chicago, which is not a typical mail installation. The eight investigations failed to contact representatives of the men who actually perform the various functions "and the study reflects a complete lack of functional knowledge of mail operations."

"The proposed pay increases contained in the plan ranges from \$10 a year to the post office clerk and letter carrier in grade three up to an increase of \$5150 for the postmaster in the Chicago post office," the council pointed out.

Further study of reclassification supervised by the Congress is necessary before a reclassification bill should be enacted, it was said. The Congress was also again urged to give immediate and prompt consideration to pay raise legislation for postal employees.

Research at the Los Angeles campus of the University of California indicates that aircraft brake fluid may also serve as a fire extinguishing agent by slight alteration of chemical content.



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CALIF. CARPENTERS PRAISE SANTA ROSA CONVENTION

Nothing but praise and compliments were heard as the 1954 conventions of the State Council of Carpenters and their Ladies' Auxiliaries closed Sunday morning at Veterans Memorial Auditorium, Santa Rosa.

The things praised, not necessarily in this order, were:

Excellent convention planning. Splendid facilities, especially the Vets' Auditorium.

Efficient convention committee-men and committeewomen.

Beautiful weather. (Thank you, Lord.)

Everything else about the convention.

BEST DESERVED

Looking relaxed and happy after the convention, for they had much to be happy about, were Bro. E. A. (Al) Brown, program chairman; Bro. Homer Calmer, entertainment committeeman; Bro. Ray Shofner, photography chairman, and all the other committee members.

CAMP BEALE

After considerable delay and discussion of the convention resolution regarding establishment of an Air Force Academy at Camp Beale, near Marysville, the original resolution was passed. It was felt that this type of recommendation, for a site already possessing millions of dollars worth of facilities, would be far more forceful in Washington than a recommendation for selection of a site "somewhere or anywhere in California."

NEW OFFICERS

Elected and installed as the top officers of the State Council from now until February 1955 were Pres. Joseph Cambiano (San Mateo), Vice-Pres. Cecil O. Johnson (San Pedro) and Secy. E. T. Aronson (San Francisco).

Executive Board members are: Dist. 1, Harold J. Schmidt (Los Angeles); Dist. 2, Charles Nichols (Visalia); Dist. 3, William P. Kelly (San Francisco); Dist. 4, Victor La Chappelle (Sacramento); Dist. 5, John E. Hunter (El Cajon).

LEAD THE LADIES

In relinquishing her office, the retiring president of the State Ladies' Auxiliary of Carpenters said:

"It has been a wonderful privilege and a joy to work with the other officers of the state organization of Ladies' Auxiliaries. I feel that the new officers are going to do a splendid job." Those officers are:

President Beulah McKay (Santa Ana); Vice-Pres. Phyllis Nelson (El Cajon); Secy. Ethel Wash (Costa Mesa), and Treasurer Inez Edwards.

The State Board members for the new term are: Dist. 1, Sister Goldie Baisley (Visalia); Dist. 2, Karen Montgomery (Wilmington); Dist. 3, Sister Mae Toombes (Gilroy) and Dist. 4, Hazel Long (Napa).

HAGGERTY SPEAKS

Bro. C. J. Haggerty, secretary of the California State Federation of Labor, as usual minced no words in speaking to the more than 400 delegates to the convention in the opening session.

He warned against continued attempts to destroy or cripple union labor, and advised that this must be countered by able political candidates who will be friendly to labor. Labor must be "politically non-partisan," supporting good candidates regardless of their political parties.

He also pointed out the difficulty of getting labor's views before the public through the daily press. This difficult situation is compounded, he stated, by the attitude of the "present administration" toward union labor.

TOP STORY

The convention highlight that seemed to take the fancy of most of the press was the "declaration" of Governor Goodwin Knight in

favor of increasing the maximum amount for unemployment insurance benefits.

The convention resolution asked that the maximum be set at \$40 weekly, as compared with the present maximum figure of \$25.

The Governor, speaking to the Carpenters, declared his intention of asking the Legislature to raise the figure to a maximum of \$30 weekly.

In a press release from Sacramento on Monday, the Governor is quoted as follows:

"I am convinced that increased benefit payments are needed now. Mr. Burkett (director of the State Department of Employment) advises me that it may be possible to pay for as much as a 20 per cent increase right now . . . with money saved through the curtailment of fraudulent claims. Certainly, that is the minimum increase which we should try to obtain."

CRIME PROBLEM

Another guest speaker at the convention was State Attorney General Edmund (Pat) Brown. He commented that the campaign against crime has made progress, but that the crime problem in California is still one of large proportions.

NICE SOUVENIR

The Program Committee of the host group, the North Coast Counties District Council of Carpenters, really "threw the book" at the visitors. The "book" was, in fact, the convention program. Illustrated with photos, including those of officers of many member councils and locals, the book contained both the convention program and much supplementary material of interest.

FUN WAS HAD

The big entertainment of the Carpenters' conference came Saturday evening, and it was a three-stage affair. First came the banquet in the vast main hall of the Vets' Auditorium. A program of entertainment followed. After the conclusion of this second phase, many of the banqueters adjourned to the Santa Rosa Hotel for the Convention Ball.

FOR THE LADIES

The top entertainment for many of the members of the Ladies' Auxiliaries was the Saturday afternoon tour. This took three bus loads of delegates up to the Russian River area and as far as Armstrong Grove. The trip to the redwoods was especially significant for the considerable number who had not seen the big trees before.

Then, of course, there was the combined luncheon and fashion show two days before in the dining room of the Auditorium. This much-enjoyed event was under the direction of Sister Emilie Mainert, member of the Santa Rosa Auxiliary.

SEVEN-HOUR DAY

The 33 resolutions of the convention included the following: (1) a seven-hour day for the construction industry, (2) legislation to see that power developed in public projects (specifically in the proposed Trinity River project) be reserved to the amount of 25 per cent for publicly-owned utility districts, with the remainder to be shared among large industries and other private distributors, (3) appeals to President Eisenhower and Governor Knight to take action against increasing unemployment.

STOPPING POWER

The chances of your brakes failing when you step on the brake pedal are not very great but that doesn't mean you should neglect them. The complete braking system of an automobile should be checked over carefully at regular intervals. Having this done once a year or every 15,000 miles is a wise rule to follow.

MY UNION CARD

By STANLEY P. JONES

Bldg. Trades of Northern Nevada

It would pay each and everyone of us to take our union receipt out every so often just to remind ourselves what it means to us. The many benefits we have received because we are members of one of the greatest organizations in this country or any other, is immeasurable in dollars and cents.

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The old proverb, "United We Stand, Divided We Fall" is indeed a true statement in the present days. If we are to succeed we must stand with all of organized labor. What we attain today will be for all of the "Union Card" carriers of tomorrow, perhaps your son or daughter.

Again I ask you to look at your "Union Card" and think of the many benefits you have derived from having it. It is indeed an honor and privilege to be a member of such an organization as your "Union Card" entitles you to be. One small twig is easily broken, but several united are indeed hard to even bend.

Mitchell Urges State Action on Minimum Pay

Washington, D. C.—Secretary of Labor James P. Mitchell urged state labor officials at the 20th National Conference on Labor Legislation here to study the possibility of extending minimum wage benefits through state laws.

Pointing out that about 24 million workers are now covered by Federal minimum pay law and 4½ million by state legislation, he said:

"Some way should be found to extend the benefits of this type of legislation to the millions of workers not now covered. How can this best be done? No new State has entered the minimum wage field since 1938 and only five states and two territories cover men as well as women and minors." (These are New York, Connecticut, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico.)

Governors' delegates from 44 States and territories attended the conference, which stressed the theme "Strengthening State Labor Departments." Led by their labor commissioners, the delegations consisted of other State labor officials and leaders of organized labor.

L.A. Building Trades Negotiating With AGC

Los Angeles (NLPA)—Negotiations for a new contract are under way between six AFL building trades unions and the Associated General Contractors and the Building Contractors Association. The unions are asking higher hourly rates and more fringe benefits. The present contract expires April 30. It was adopted four years ago.

Western Area LLPE Conference March 13

San Francisco.—The western area of Labor's League for Political Education will hold a one-day policy conference Saturday, March 13, at the Sir Francis Drake Hotel.

Officers of all city, county and Congressional district leagues, as well as local union and central council officials, are invited to attend, according to C. Al Green, western states director of LLPE.

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ATTENTION, MONTEREY MEMBERS: Don't forget your regular meeting Thursday, March 11th at the Carpenters' Hall, 778 Hawthorne St., Monterey at 8 p.m. The Rapid Harvest and Vegetable Harvest agreements are now open for negotiations.

Your secretary will attend the following negotiations in San Francisco this week. Tuesday, March 9th with the Beer Division.

Wednesday, March 10th AGC. Thursday, March 11th — Miscellaneous Sales Drivers.

At the last regular meeting there was considerable discussion regarding again putting fines into effect if there isn't better attendance at the meetings. We would like your attendance at the meetings on a voluntary basis but with this being an election year and the many issues involving our people on unemployment insurance and the encroachment of company unions tearing the guts out of union contracts in other areas it is to your best interest that you attend these meetings. So that you might keep informed of what is going on and that we might advise you of the importance of being a registered voter as there is a move afoot to eliminate the seasonal worker from drawing unemployment insurance. THIS IS NO JOKE; IT CAN HAPPEN.

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Labor News

TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 1954

Calif. Labor in Tribute To Joseph Marshall

(Continued from Page One) thing to his members or to the welfare of labor as a whole," said Secy. Al Wynn of Bay Cities Metal Trades Council, who began his association with Joe Marshall in 1900.

These comments were typical of the spontaneous remarks of leaders in the construction and metal industries of California when they learned of his passing.

Joe was the Andy Furuseth of the Laborers Union, springing from humble beginnings and never forgetting them, never. When P. H. McCarthy, the late great San Francisco union leader was mayor of the city Bro. Marshall was named by the governor to a committee which wrote the tunnel and construction safety laws of California.

50 YRS. DILIGENCE, LOYALTY

Marshall was first active in the

Independent Hodcarriers and Laborers, which in 1915 merged with the International Hod Carriers, Building, and Common Laborers of America.

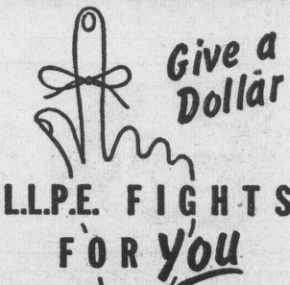
In 1922 he became a vice-president of the international and thereafter moved up to become first vice-president of his union and see it become fourth largest in the AFL Building Trades Department. His district, prior to his retirement from more active work four years ago, was made up of the western states, Alaska, and Hawaii, and he became a key figure in the industry, with sterling performance in the labor field during the crucial war years.

International Pres. Joseph Moroschi of the IHBCLA came to San Francisco to head the list of honorary pallbearers at Bro. Marshall's funeral. Others were: Tim Reardon, Mike O'Connor, Joe Cambiano, Don Cameron, Jim Purvis, Vic Swanson, Blackie Woods, Harry Sherman, Sam Donahue, Jack Smith, Dan Del Carlo, Dewey Mead, Neil Haggerty, Joe Murphy, Charlie Benton, Charlie Foehe, Bill Conboy, Dan Flanagan, Robert Sheetz, and Al Smith. Management people: Pat Maginn, Frank Modglin, Bill Coughlin, John O'Connell, and T. E. Connelly.

Regular pallbearers: Lee Lawler, Sam Capriola, H. Rohrbach, Dean Sisk, Charles Robinson, and Reginald Bronner.

Figures just published show that Greater London had the lowest death rate and lowest infant mortality rate among large urban areas in Great Britain in 1952.

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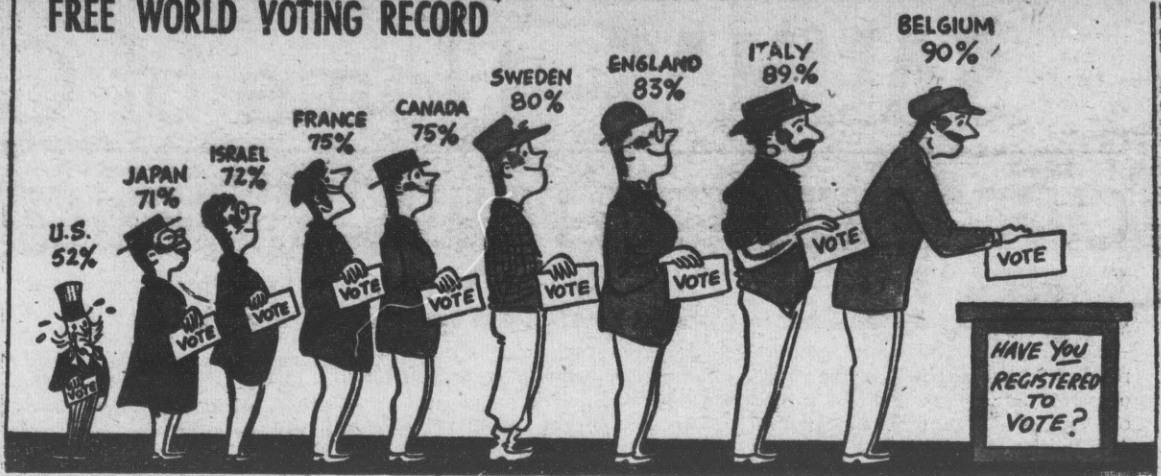
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Wetbacks Do Building Trades Work



Shown here is a Mexican national doing construction work near San Diego, proof submitted by the AFL Building Trades in that area that the huge influx of Mexican labor invited to the U.S. by the Eisenhower administration is designed to break down wage and living standards built up in years of hardship and bloodshed by American union workers. The Mexicans are clever and quick to learn and being here illegally and in fear of exposure they will work for practically nothing, since it is better here than in backward, impoverished Mexico, where 28 million people yearn for the Yankee dollar.

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Statement on Unemployment

(Continued from Page One)

wipe out the terrible deficiencies in health and schooling which threaten the American future.

HOUSING, SHIPYARDS

4. Federal public housing should provide 135,000 units a year, as called for in the Housing Act of 1949. The proposed Eisenhower program of 35,000 units cannot hope to meet the grave housing requirements of millions in the low-income brackets.

5. West coast shipyards should be given a fair share of naval contract work to sustain the yards which proved their efficiency during the second World War. Further, the American merchant marine should continue to be awarded 50 percent of all cargoes shipped overseas in government aid programs.

6. Full effect should be given to the federal Employment Act of 1946, requiring the federal government to mobilize its resources to promote conditions which afford "useful employment opportunities for those able, willing, and seeking to work, and to promote maximum employment, production and purchasing power."

RELIEF BENEFITS

7. The state legislature should recognize the current relief crisis by making available provisions of the State Relief Law of 1945. Such action is essential since county relief applications have increased 71 percent within the past year. Eligibility standards of the state emergency program should be based on American requirements of decency. County indigent aid is now administered on a pauper basis, and denies relief to all save those in total destitution.

8. State unemployment insurance benefits should be raised from the pitifully low figure of \$25.00 per week and coverage extended to all workers. The failure of the law to protect thousands in the low paid categories is a serious blow at the purchasing power of the wage earner public at a time when both workers' families and the economy are in desperate need of more buying power.

9. Both federal and state minimum wage levels should be raised from 75 cents to \$1.25 per hour. Both laws should be extended to cover all workers. The California law now applies only to women and miners, and fails to cover workers in such low paid categories as agriculture labor.

TIRE PRESSURE

Because air expands when hot and contracts when cold, tire pressure should always be checked in the morning before starting out for a trip.

Bread and Butter Facts

Administration Out to Hide Emptiness of Housing Plan

By BERT SEIDMAN, AFL Staff Economist

The Administration is getting ready to put across a housing program which, in the name of "slum prevention," would perpetuate and multiply existing slums. "Rehabilitation" is the magic word the Administration leaders incant to conceal the emptiness of their housing program.

Even the real estate and home-builders' organizations, which for many years have fought every constructive housing program, now acknowledge the tremendous need for housing. In fact, they have not challenged the estimates made by the AFL Housing Committee last August that residential building, which is now a little more than one million a year, should be stepped up to at least two million.

LOGICAL STEP OMITTED

But they refuse to take the logical next step. Instead of recognizing that a much higher rate of residential construction is the only way to meet the housing needs of all families—including the low- and middle-income families who are now woefully shortchanged in the housing market—their answer is to retain the present low rate of new construction and somehow "rehabilitate" and "conserve" the old run-down dwellings for continued use. This is the core of the Administration's housing program.

The fatal flaw in this approach is that "rehabilitation" is a high-sounding word, but it just doesn't work. In fact, when the President's Advisory Committee on Housing made its recommendations for a rehabilitation-centered program on which the Administration's legislative proposals are based, it had

before it the full facts revealing the failure of so-called "rehabilitation" efforts.

Jack M. Siegel and C. William Brooks, consultants to the Advisory Committee, in a 143-page report exploded the extravagant claims for the potential accomplishments of the rehabilitation approach. After examining the experience in Philadelphia and other cities, they concluded: "Minimum rehabilitation in blighted areas may tend to perpetuate rather than eliminate slums."

PHILADELPHIA EXAMPLE

The Philadelphia experience is particularly interesting because Philadelphia has had more experience with area-wide rehabilitation than any other city. Here are typical quotes from letters Siegel and Brooks received from builders and architects directly involved in Philadelphia rehabilitation projects regarding the feasibility of rehabilitation:

"Maybe we lengthen the life of those old houses by 10 years—maybe!"

"The trouble with spot block-by-block rehabilitation is that it can never be done on a big enough scale to really change neighborhoods... and of course, costs in this type of work rise very easily out of line."

"One of our greatest problems in the Penn Towne rehabilitation was the absolute impossibility of the architect or builder to determine the construction problems that we uncovered when work began. The builder and architect must work in the dark until some demolition is done and by then too much money has been spent to change course. The advantage of having new construction is obvious."

Siegel and Brooks point out that rehabilitation is costly and uneconomical and that the rents after the houses are fixed up are usually far more than the former occupants can afford. In fact, in many cases, from the viewpoint of cost alone, it would have been better to tear down the old buildings and construct new ones. Summing up the Philadelphia experience, they said:

"It, in deed, throws considerable doubt on the feasibility of rehabilitation itself, on all but carefully selected buildings intended for upper-income occupancy."

The conclusion is inescapable that patch-up and fix-up—even when you call it rehabilitation—are not the answer to America's housing problems. We need to build two million new homes a year, most of them at rents and selling prices that middle-income families can afford.

To achieve that goal as rapidly as possible, Congress should enact a bold and comprehensive housing program providing for an adequate volume of public housing for low-income families, cooperative and rental housing for middle-income families and a thoroughgoing slum clearance and urban redevelopment.

LLPE Opens '54 Drive to Elect Friends of Labor

Washington—The 1954 voluntary fund-raising campaign of Labor's League for Political Education was launched March 1. Every AFL member is being asked to contribute \$1. A 1954 membership card in LLPE will be presented to each contributor.

Every dollar given to the AFL's political arm is used exclusively to help elect friends of labor to Congress. Fifty cents of every dollar collected is sent back automatically to the respective state Leagues. The other half is kept in a national reserve fund to be used in those campaigns where the need is greatest and chances of victory are best.

National union offices are mailing personal letters and sets of LLPE membership books to all their local unions. It is recommended that this campaign be made a special order of business at the next membership meeting so that everyone will be completely informed of the need for funds.

Working people cannot expect a fair labor law, fair taxes or increased old-age and unemployment benefits from anti-labor Congressmen. There is a direct relationship between a trade unionist's bread and butter and the man he votes for on Election Day.

In 1954, he can do his part by giving \$1 to LLPE, by registering to vote, and then by voting for friends of labor.